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NEWS OF THE PROFESSION.

Former-Senator McCune Sued for Divorce.—Former State Senator James G. McCune, who gained great notoriety a few years ago as author of the famous anti-kissing and flirting bill in the Virginia General Assembly, is being sued for divorce and permanent alimony by his wife, who, as Miss Mary Parker, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Charles F. Parker of Cedar Creek, eloped to Hagerstown, Md., with Mr. McCune last September. They were married there by Rev. A. B. Statton, after her brothers had a dispute at the court clerk's office. R. Gray Williams, attorney for Mrs. McCune, has instituted divorce proceedings in the Frederick County Circuit Court. She claims that Mr. McCune deserted her two weeks after the marriage. Mr. McCune studied law under the late John B. Minor, and practiced for a time at Woodstock. He is now living at Meadow Mills, Frederick county.

Three Year Law Course Proposed.—The executive committee of the Association of American Law Schools held a meeting at the Richmond Hotel last month. Henry Wade Rogers, dean of Yale law school, New Haven, Conn., chairman of the association and as such chairman of the executive committee, said that the next meeting of the association would be held in St. Paul the latter part of August. None of the law schools in this state is a member of the association, and one object of the meeting was to confer with the law faculty of the University of Virginia and with that of Richmond College with a view to having those schools become members of the association and to bring the course up to three years, to conform to the rules of the association.

The New Circuit Judges.—The recently elected judges of the five new circuit courts will not begin their terms of office until February 1, 1907, but the courts themselves will become existent ninety days after the adjournment of the Legislature, June 13th. In order to prevent the new tribunals from being judgeless courts, Governor Swanson will name all the newly elected jurists as ad interim judges. The five new judges are T. H. Haas, Harrisonburg, Twenty-fifth Circuit; Edward S. Turner, Warren, Twenty-sixth Circuit; William E. Burns, Lebanon, Twenty-seventh Circuit; R. E. Boykin, Smithfield, Twenty-eighth Circuit; and Bennett T. Gordon, Lovingsston, Twenty-ninth Circuit.

Two Terms for Big Stone Gap.—The house has passed Representative Slemph's bill providing for the holding of two terms of the Federal court at Big Stone Gap each year hereafter instead of one term, as at present. Under the bill the clerk of the circuit and district courts at Lynchburg will have the right to appoint a deputy clerk who will make his residence at Big Stone Gap, and keep the records of the court. These courts will hereafter be held at Big Stone Gap on the

fourth Monday in January and the second Monday in August each year.

E. J. Harvey to Be Judge.—In anticipation of the early retirement of Judge E. W. Saunders from the bench to become a candidate in the Democratic primary for Congress from his district the majority of the bar of the Seventh Judicial Circuit have signed a petition to Governor Claude A. Swanson recommending Ex-State Senator E. J. Harvey, of Stuart, for the place, Governor Swanson having indicated that his intention to appoint the lawyer recommended by the bar of the circuit.

The Buena Vista Court.—Judge Holt, of Staunton, has been designated by Governor Swanson to preside over the Corporation Court of Buena Vista until some permanent arrangement is made. Judge Holt was the judge of Staunton and Buena Vista, too, but by the raising of Staunton to a city of the first magnitude he can not hold court in Buena Vista. As the Governor has the power to designate judges, however, the old arrangement is continued temporarily.

Judge Gregory to Retire.—Judge Roger Gregory after sixteen years' service as head of the Law School of the Richmond College, has resigned from the faculty and will retire at the end of the present session. The news will prove interesting to hundreds of lawyers throughout the state, who acquired their professional knowledge at the feet of the distinguished professor.

Five prominent members of the bar are spoken of as candidates for the democratic nomination for the governorship: Hon. H. St. George Tucker, Judge Wm. H. Mann, Capt. Jos. E. Willard, Senator Edward Echols, and Judge R. T. W. Duke.

Judge D. Tucker Brooke, Col. Geo. C. Cabell, Jr., of Norfolk, and R. W. Withers, of Suffolk, will probably oppose the renomination of Congressman Maynard.

Major Francis R. Lassiter, Col. Wm. H. Mann and Judge Leonidas Harrell, of Greensville County, are candidates for nomination to Congress in opposition to Congressman Southall.

Mr. Otho J. Mears, Northampton, will be a candidate for congress against Congressman Jones of the first district.

Pressure is being brought on Gen. Rufus A. Ayers, of Big Stone Gap, to induce him to become a candidate for the congressional nomination. Ninth district democrats believe that General Ayers could defeat Congressman Slemph.

Hon. D. C. O'Flaherty, of the Richmond Bar, has decided not to be a candidate for Congress at this time, but says he expects to enter the race two years hence.

C. T. Baskerville and C. T. Reekes, both of Boydton, have announced their candidacy for the office of commonwealth's attorney for

Mecklenburg. E. Chambers Goode, present incumbent, declines to run again. The election will not take place for more than a year.

James E. Cannon, Hunston Carey and David Meade White were nominated for the city council in the recent democratic primary in Richmond.

George Mason has been re-elected City Attorney of Petersburg by the City Council. He was opposed by Jas. M. Quicke, Jr.

Col. Robert Catlett, of Lexington, has entered upon the discharge of his duties as assistant to Attorney General Wm. E. Anderson.

Mr. R. C. Stearnes, of the Salem Bar, has been elected by J. D. Eggleston, state superintendent of public instruction, as first clerk and secretary to the State Board of Education. Mr. Stearnes succeeded Frank B. Brent, April 1st.

Former Governor A. J. Montague and his brother R. L. Montague have formed a partnership with firm name of Montague & Montague; offices in Mutual Building, Richmond. D. A. Ritchie is also associated with the firm.

P. H. C. Cabell, Robert H. Talley and R. E. Cabell have formed a partnership under the name of Cabell, Talley & Cabell, with offices in the Shafer Building, Richmond.

The firm of Curtin, St. John and Shelton, Bristol, Va., dissolved by the death of the senior member, Thomas Curtin, is succeeded by St. John and Shelton.

Sam N. Hurst, lawyer, author, publisher, preacher, who went to Georgia last fall, and formed a partnership for the practice of law in that state, has returned to his former home, Pulaski City.

Captain R. H. Ker has severed his connection with the firm of Ker & Ker, and entered into partnership with Braxton & McCoy. That firm is now Braxton, Ker and McCoy. Captain Ker has for many years been commonwealth's attorney for Augusta county. He assisted the prosecution in the McCue case at Charlottesville.

Mr. S. D. Shackleford has been admitted to the Virginia bar at Roanoke. Mr. Shackleford is a native of Fauquier county. After graduating in the regular collegiate department of the University of Nashville, he studied law at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., taking his degree of LL. B. in 1899, when he won the prize offered by The Edward Thompson Company for the best essay. Mr. Shackleford was admitted to the Columbia bar in 1899, and practiced his profession there until his recent removal to Roanoke.

J. Louis McClung, recently admitted to the bar, has formed a partnership with M. P. McClung, for the last fifteen years a member of the Salem Bar. The name of the new firm is McClung and McClung.

Phillip M. Gresham, a new member of the bar, has settled at Lancaster, forming a partnership with his brother, Harvey S. Gresham.

Among the applicants who passed the bar examination in January,

the following young lawyers have located in Virginia: T. S. Harris, at Harris' Grove; Harry Swan, at Bristol; Robert G. Bass, at Petersburg; W. G. Collins, at Vienna.

William L. Crittenden, who passed the State bar examination in January, located at Morrisville, Fauquier county, for practice. Securing a good opening in Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Crittenden left Virginia for that city on April 25th.

At the home of Mrs. M. D. Gilliam, in Richmond, on March 28th, Miss Daisy Isabel Hamilton, of Augusta, was married to Stonewall Jackson Doswell of Ashland. Mr. Doswell is a member of the Richmond Bar.

Patrick Henry Drewry, of Petersburg, and Miss Mary Elizabeth Metcalf were married at Palmyra, Mo., on April 18th.

Hawes Thornton Davies, of Manassas, and Miss Mary Thornton Tompkins were married in Washington on April 25th.

Mayor Samuel R. Buxton, of Newport News, and Miss Elizabeth Lewis Dimmock were married on April 26th at the home of the bride, "Sherwood," Gloucester county.

Maurice A. Breckenridge, a young Roanoke lawyer, and Miss Julia Robertson, daughter of Judge Wm. Gordon Robertson, of Roanoke, were married on April 26th.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandwell Bealmer, of Baltimore, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Mary Florence Bealmer, to T. Morris Wampler of Culpepper. The wedding will take place early in June.

Downing Smith, of the Charlottesville bar, died on April 1st of pneumonia after a short illness; age 33.

William D. McCrosky, of Bristol, Virginia, died of pneumonia on April 2d; age 54. Mr. McCrosky was a lawyer of prominence and brilliant attainments.

William P. Joliffe, of Roanoke, died on April 17; age 31.

Judge James Sangster died at his home, Burke's Station, Fairfax county, aged 74. At one time he was Judge of the County Courts of Fairfax and Alexandria counties and represented Fairfax in the legislature.